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FRIDAY EVENING—ST. LOUIS—DECEMBER 10, 1897.

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LYNCHING IN MISSISSIPPI.

Charles Lewis, a Negro, Killed by a Mob.

HE HAD MURDERED A FAMILY.

THE WIFE OF BROWN SMITH, A WHITE MAN, AND FOUR CHILDREN THE VICTIMS.

SMITH WAS AWAY AT WORK.

The Negro Supposed He Had Wiped Out the Whole Family, but One Child Revived and Was Able to Name the Criminal.

WESSON, Miss., Dec. 10.—Full particulars from one of the most fiendish crimes ever recorded have just come to hand. Almost the entire family of Brown Smith, a respectable white farmer, 35 years of age, were brutally killed with a club in the hands of Charles Lewis, a black fiend, more devil than human.

Smith was working at a gin a few miles from his home, which is situated about two and a half miles from Pearl River, on the east side in Lawrence County, and in a wild country.

The house is off the main road and no white family lives within two miles of it, although several negro families live near it. It was one of these negroes who on Wednesday some time between noon and darkness crept up to Smith's house and most brutally assaulted Mrs. Smith, then bruised her, and then, to forever hide his crime, he began on the six children, only sparing a babe, which he left untouched.

The fiend's work was not done as well as he thought, for one of the children, a little girl 5 years of age, regained consciousness, and when her father entered after his day's work she told him the name of the brute. The murdered mother and four children were found dead and lying in the yard, showing how they had struggled to escape the brute.

The father and husband immediately sounded the alarm and a posse was organized and yesterday afternoon the negro was captured, carried to Monticello, the county seat of Lawrence County, and at 7 o'clock was carried back to the scene of his crime, where he was fully identified by the little girl. It is said he was promptly lynched after the identification by a large crowd of infuriated citizens who had joined in the search.

It is greatly feared that a wholesale lynching may take place in that neighborhood, as the country is excited to the highest pitch.

REEDY AND BRADY FIGHT.

Editor and Commissioner Come to Blows on Broadway.

William Makepeace Reedy, editor of the St. Louis Mirror, and Hugh J. Brady, election commissioner under Gov. Stephens, and erstwhile Chairman of the St. Louis Democratic Committee, fought at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon at Olive street and Broadway, in front of the Washburn ticket office.

Lunchers and holiday shoppers crowded the sidewalk around the fight. Reedy stood in the ticket office vestibule. Brady came along.

He spoke. They mixed. A policeman took them to Chestnut Street Police Station. The trouble was over so quickly few realized what had happened.

Some blood flowed. Reedy is said to have gotten in an uppercut or two. The Mirror has been criticizing Gov. Stephens and incidentally Brady. This is supposed to be behind the strife. Reedy, it is said, was taken unawares.

MASKED MAN'S BOLD WORK.

Cleaned Out a California Store and Rifled the Safe.

REDDING, Cal., Dec. 10.—McCormick, Seeltzer & Co.'s branch store at Keswick was entered by a masked robber. The occupants of the store were forced to the rear of the building and a small amount of money was taken. The safe was rifled of about \$2,000, and after locking the door behind him the robber took the key and disappeared into the night. Keswick is the smelting city of Shasta County, where 1,300 men receive their pay to-day.

SUPERSEDEAS GRANTED

In the Case of Banker Charles W. Spaulding.

Special to the Post-Dispatch. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 10.—In the Supreme Court to-day Chief Justice Phillips announced that, in the case of the People against Banker Charles W. Spaulding, the writ of supersedeas was granted, but the motion to admit to bail was denied.

The case will be submitted for hearing at the February term of the Supreme Court and an opinion is expected by April. In the meantime Spaulding will be confined in jail instead of going to the penitentiary.

RECORD-BREAKING RUN.

Union Pacific Mail Train Makes 78 Miles an Hour.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 10.—A record-breaking fast run was made by the Union Pacific east bound fast mail train between Cheyenne and North Platte. The train, which was run as the second section of east-bound No. 2, made the run between Tipton and Wemut stations on the Wyoming division at the rate of 78 miles an hour. From Cheyenne to Sidney, a distance of 100 miles, the running time was 77 minutes. From Sidney to North Platte, 114 miles, the time was 117 minutes, being the fastest run in the history of the road.

FOR CUBAN INDEPENDENCE.

Missouri Democrats in Congress Champion the Cubans.

OPPOSE HAWAII'S HOPE.

THE TREATY IS DOOMED AND THE TEXAS SCHEME WILL BE PUSHED.

HOUSE DEMOCRATS CAUCUS.

Will Favor Restriction of Immigration, but on Proposed Currency Reform There Will Be a Division.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10.—Conferees were held to-day between Senate and House advocates of Hawaiian annexation, and as a result the Senate treaty is to be dropped and annexation brought about by legislation. This can be accomplished in the same way that Texas was brought into the union, and will require only a majority vote in each House. The House Democratic caucus to-morrow will consider these questions on which the minority hopes to unite.

1. The recognition of Cuban independence. 2. The annexation of Hawaii. 3. Immigration. 4. Currency reform.

On the first the minority will unite and will decide to push it to the limit. The second will be fought. On the third the party policy will favor restriction, while the fourth will cause a sharp division. The Democratic members from Missouri will vote as a unit on the first three propositions.

DECEMBER WHEAT \$1.02.

Strength of Thursday Not in Evidence, but St. Louis Led.

Dollar wheat was still a reality Friday, though the strength apparent on the previous day was not in evidence. There was one sale of December at \$1.02. May was steady and went a few points higher than Thursday's close. The opening was 3/4c off at 91c.

The rush of the shorts to cover was confined to the early part of the session. These efforts caused an advance to 91 1/2c. There was a sharp decline to 91 1/4c. For more than an hour there was not a variation of 1/4c on either side of this price.

The more nervous of the shorts apparently rushed in Thursday. Those who marginally were reassured Friday and prepared to await developments.

The excitement caused by the sensational advance of the Chicago market died out. Chicago prices were on the downward turn Friday. From \$1.07 at the opening there was a drop to \$1.06. Though extremely dull the St. Louis market was really stronger than Chicago, an indication that a comparatively small amount of wheat was available here.

The demand keeps pace steadily with the receipts, though the latter are large. Friday 48,467 bushels of wheat reached St. Louis, as against 3,331 bushels last year. Even this large accession to the local stock was not enough to weaken the market, though it was largely responsible for the dullness.

The report that 5,000,000 bushels of wheat were to be shipped to Europe did not have the looked for local bullish effect. It weakened the European market.

SHERIFF HYMER'S CARD.

Invitations to Witness the Execution of Murderer Carr.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

LIBERTY, Mo., Dec. 10.—Sheriff Hymer to-day issued 150 invitations reading as follows: You are hereby invited to witness the execution of William Carr, Friday, Dec. 17, at 11 o'clock a. m., for the murder of his little daughter, Belle Carr, in Clay County, Missouri, on the 10th day of October, 1897.

The rope with which Carr will be hanged has already been used at the execution of Millionaire Duestrow, at Union, Mo.

THE ST. LOUIS DELEGATE AND HIS MIGHTY "PULL"

Otto Schumacher, a member of the House of Delegates, was arrested several days ago for furious driving at Broadway and Pine street. He cursed the policeman who arrested him and the Sergeant at the Chestnut Street Police Station. An additional charge of disturbing the peace was placed against him, but in the Police Court he managed to have both cases "nolle prosequi," by threatening to use his "pull" to disrupt the Police Department. Hence the bard proclaims:

The coppers all gave way to grief,
From poor policeman up to Chief,
And in the court there was no sound,
But silence, deep and most profound,
When Otto worked his pull.



Among those who will contribute Specially Written Articles and Stories to the great Christmas number of the Sunday Post-Dispatch of 70 pages, to be issued next Sunday, Dec. 12, are:

JAMES CARDINAL GIBBONS. JOHN BURNS. ANTHONY HOPE. EVA WILDER BRODHEAD. GEORGE MOORE. CLEMENT SCOTT. T. P. O'CONNOR. PIETRO MASCAGNI. ANDREW LANG. R. K. MUNKITTRICK. WILLIAM J. BRYAN. LYMAN GAGE. EDWARD ATKINSON. FREDERICK R. COUDERT. HENRY W. CANNON. HENRY CABOT LODGE. REV. H. K. CARROLL. HENDRYK SIENKIEWICZ. GRANT ALLEN. CONAN DOYLE. SIR CHARLES DILKE. WILLIAM T. STEAD. SARAH GRAND. MARIE CORELLI.

No newspaper in the West has ever secured such a list of contributors for a single issue as the above.

WILL FEED 5,000 POOR.

NIEDRINGHAUS M. E. MISSION CHRISTMAS DINNER WILL BE ON A GIGANTIC SCALE.

GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.

A Novelty of the Mission Feast Will Be a Large Table for Family Parties.

Christmas dinner for five thousand hungry people will be spread at the Niedringhaus Mission, Seventh street and Cass avenue.

Large-hearted persons, who will contribute basket dinners, should address postals this way:

Rev. E. C. Hughes, pastor Niedringhaus M. E. Mission.

I desire to assist in feeding the worthy poor, and I hereby enter the \$10 prize contest. I agree to furnish a basket containing dinner for five persons, not later than Friday afternoon, December 24.

Name..... Address.....

Rev. Hughes gives directions as follows:

1. Attach card to basket. 2. State exact cost of dinner on card. 3. In order to participate in the prize contest all coupons must be in the hands of the pastor not later than Dec. 20.

It will be the most extensive charity dinner ever given in St. Louis. The Niedringhaus Mission is a Methodist institution and every Methodist in town—and they are numbered by the thousands—is interested in the success of the Christmas dinner.

Rev. E. C. Hughes, the mission pastor, estimates that there will be thousands of people in St. Louis absolutely destitute Christmas. He thinks his mission, aided by the Methodist Church at large and charitably inclined people in general, will be able to care for at least 5,000 of those who cannot provide themselves with Christmas feast.

Rev. Hughes has a novel plan for increasing the dimensions of the spread. He solicits

ROOM FULL OF GAS.

Collector Mahan Had a Close Call at Jefferson City.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 10.—Thomas B. Mahan, Collector of Cole County, came near losing his life here this morning. The vault in his office is damp, and when he closed business yesterday he left the gas burning in the vault to dry the dampness.

The vault is small, and the supposition is that the vault became so close that it extinguished the flame, and the gas continued to escape. When Deputy Collector Gorman went into the office this morning he discovered the gas in the room and threw the doors and windows open. At this time Mr. Mahan came in, and thoughtlessly took a match and ignited it to light the gas jet and the gas in the room ignited. The flames were severe for a moment, scorching Mr. Mahan's clothes, hands and beard. There were some rags in the room and they were consumed. The doors and windows being open a large portion of the gas had escaped, and the flames soon went out. Had it not been for the ventilation in the room there is no question that the results would have been serious. No one is badly injured, and the damage is little.

PLANS A SPITE HOUSE.

CHARLES RETTILIA SAYS HE WILL BUILD UGLY FLATS ON WEST CHESTNUT STREET.

THINKS HE HAS A GRIEVANCE.

Old Bricks of Any Color, Bay Windows of Boards and Not a Drop of Paint.

Charles Rettilia is preparing to build a "spite house" in St. Louis.

Rettilia keeps a saloon and grocery store at Fifteenth and Chestnut streets.

He figured in a sensational legal fight with the residents of a fashionable West End neighborhood two years ago.

Now he proposes to build the ugliest house ever conceived right where it will be an eyesore to the persons who made trouble for him.

Rettilia owns a building at 301 Chestnut street and a lot adjoining.

Two years ago he opened a grocery store in the building on the corner. After running the store a month he opened a saloon in the rear.

There was never a saloon in the neighborhood and the fashionable residents of the block made a concerted fight on Rettilia.

They claimed his petition bore the names of persons who had not signed it. Rettilia, in the face of such strenuous opposition, did not use the petition to obtain a liquor seller's license from the city. He organized a "club."

Customers paid an "initiation fee" in return for drinks at the bar.

The neighbors tried every inducement to cause Rettilia to abandon the saloon annex to his grocery. When persuasion failed they resorted to the law. They had Rettilia arrested for running a saloon without a license. He proved that his place was not a

TRAIN ROBBER SHOT AND KILLED BY PLUCKY EXPRESS CAR GUARDS.

Attempted Hold-up on the Southern Pacific Near San Simon in Arizona.

BATTLE WITH WINCHESTER RIFLES.

Thirty or Forty Shots Were Exchanged, the Bandits Got Nothing, and It Is Thought That Another of the Gang Was Hit by a Trainman's Bullet.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 10.—Meager particulars have been received in this city from San Simon, a small station just west of Wilcox, Ariz., on the Southern Pacific, of a train hold-up. Train No. 20, the Sunset Limited, had just left Stein's Pass, N. M., near the Arizona line, when the engineer noticed a danger signal in front and immediately applied the air brakes. No sooner was the train brought to a stop than five men stepped out from their hiding places near the tracks, all heavily armed. One covered the engineer and fireman with his Winchester, while the others gave their attention to the express car, more especially to the express car, firing their guns in the air and otherwise frightening passengers.

At this point the guards in the express car took a hand in the fusillade. Thirty or forty shots are said to have been fired by both sides. One Wells-Fargo guard, Jennings by name, succeeded in killing a robber, Cullen, who was nearest the car, and who was evidently the leader, for as soon as the other robbers noticed his body lying on the ground they lost courage and made a break for

their horses, but another bullet from Jennings' Winchester evidently struck one of the fleeing robbers, as he was seen to fall and was assisted out of range by his comrades.

No express money was stolen and none of the passengers were hurt.

A BRAVE ST. LOUISAN.

A. F. Stoeger Flagged a Train and Prevented a Collision.

WILCOX, Ariz., Dec. 10.—While the battle between the train robbers and the train crew was in progress at San Simon, A. F. Stoeger, the agent of a St. Louis brewery, who was a passenger on the held-up train, left it and at the risk of his life went ahead and signaled the Sunset Express, which he knew was nearly due, and thus prevented a collision. He went a mile or so up the track and set fire to fresh wheat which he piled on the side of the road. This was seen by the engineer of the express, who stopped his train. The Sunset, taking Mr. Stoeger on board, proceeded cautiously to where the held-up train was and both proceeded slowly on their journey.

Mr. Stoeger is well known in St. Louis. He said he lived at 1811 Kerfitt place.

FIERCE FIGHT WITH A DOG.

Fred Morgan's Case One of the Worst at the Hospital.

LEGS AND HANDS BITTEN.

TERRIBLE STRUGGLE IN A BACKYARD ENDED BY A MAN WITH A CLUB.

VICTIM FEARS HYDROPHOBIA.

Former Government Employee Wanted Food at the Home of Felix Hughes and Met With a Terrible Reception.

Fred Morgan entered the yard of Felix Hughes, 2014 Rutger street, Friday morning. He started across the yard, intending to apply at the kitchen door for something to eat.

Mr. Hughes has a dog. It is a mixture of grayhound and bloodhound. The dog is agile and ferocious, and has a strong antipathy for "nobodies."

Morgan was nearly around the house before anything occurred. Then he saw a dark bundle of something dark from a side door and spring at him. Morgan wanted to retreat, but the dog prevented him.

The ferocious brute got a firm hold on the calf of Morgan's left leg. He sank his sharp teeth deep in the flesh, and tugging with might and main lacerated the flesh dreadfully. Great rents were torn in his trousers. Morgan shrieked with pain and called loudly for help. He kicked the dog, but it only made the animal more furious.

In desperation Morgan began pummeling the animal. The animal gave a vicious jerk and pulled out a mouthful of flesh from Morgan's leg. Then he sprang at the man's throat. Morgan threw out his hand to protect himself. The dog caught his hand in his teeth and stripped several of the fingers to the bone.

Still not satisfied he got Morgan's other hand in his teeth and lacerated it. Morgan was almost overcome with the pain and loss of blood, when the dog's owner appeared, and, with a club, managed to beat the animal off.

A policeman saw the trouble. He called an ambulance and Morgan was taken direct to the City Hospital, where Dr. Sutter authorized the wounds and dressed them. The doctor says he never saw a person who had suffered more injuries from the teeth of a dog.

Morgan fears he may have hydrophobia. He says he came from the Southwest three weeks ago and has been employed at the Government works.

THE WEATHER FORECAST.

FAIR AND COLDER.

For St. Louis and vicinity: Colder and generally fair Friday night and Saturday.

For Missouri: Cloudy, with rain Friday night and in the southeast portion Saturday; colder Friday night; colder in the northwest portion Saturday.

For Illinois: Rain Friday night and Saturday, possibly turning to snow Sunday in the northwest portion; colder.

The low area consists of a long and narrow trough which covers the Mississippi Valley and Upper Lake Region.

General rains have occurred over this district, and there has been a considerable rise in temperature southeast to the Atlantic Coast.

In the West high pressure prevails, with generally clear weather and lower temperatures.



Oh, there is nothing, up to date,
To match a City Delegate.
When grafting's good; and so it came
That all the cops were put to shame.
When Otto worked his pull.

The statesman of the present day
Can murder, if he feels that way.
And still go free. So what's the use?
They always turn offenders loose.
When Otto works his pull.

So clear the road and let him drive.
See all the people duck and dive!
What matter though he mars their peace?
We might as well have no police.
While Otto has his pull.

SHOES

Philadelphia Bankrupt Stock

Infants' Soft Shoes	9c	Men's Rubbers	12c
Ladies' Soft Shoes	9c	Men's Felt Boots	29c
Ladies' Overalls	9c	Men's Felt Boots	29c
Ladies' warm, lined Felt Slippers, leather soles	35c		
Child's patent tip	25c		
Leather Shoes	25c		
Misses' and children's patent tip	25c		
Leather Shoes, 5 to 13	25c		
Child's all solid	75c		
School Shoes	75c		
Ladies' plain-toe Button Shoes, small sizes, worth \$3, \$4 and \$5	49c		
Ladies' cloth top patent tip	99c		
Button Shoes, 5 to 13	99c		
50 pairs Ladies' fine Sample			
Lace Shoes, all the latest toes, small sizes	\$1.49		
Ladies' hand-welt Lace Shoes, all styles	\$2.00		
Youths' all solid School Shoes, 12 to 2	89c		
Boys' and Youths' winter tan			
Lace Shoes, worth \$2	\$1.19		
Men's Lace and Congress	98c		
Men's Calf Lace and Congress	\$1.50		
Men's hand-welt Calf Lace	\$1.95		
Men's patent leather Lace	\$1.98		
Shoes, all sizes, worth \$3			

MEN'S FURNISHINGS.

Colored bosom, white body Laundered	29c
Shirts, worth 60c	
Regular six extra heavy derby	25c
ribbed Underwear, will go at	
Extra heavy, fleece-lined Underwear	29c
will go at	
All-wool Red Flannel Underwear	49c
will go at	
200 pairs fast black or tan	2c
Socks, will go at (per pair)	
60 dozen Fancy Silk Neckwear, tecks	12c
or four-in-hands, worth 25c	
Jap Silk Blue Polka Dot	35c
Hers, worth 5c, go for	
Embroidered Satin Suspenders, fancy	45c
glass box, worth \$1	
go for	
Oil-lane Working Gloves	19c
worth 50c, go for	
After make lined Fur Top Dress	45c
Gloves, worth 50c, go for	
Men's Umbrellas, steel rod, Prince of	62c
Wales crook, silver-trimmed	
full 2nd cut size	
worth \$1.25, go for	

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ELECTRIC LIGHT FIGURES.

In drawing up the proposed ordinance for electric lighting the Board of Public Improvements has estimated that the city will pay, during the first year of the contract under it, \$400,000. Last year St. Louis paid \$382,400 for public lighting. So it is evident that the board does not contemplate the possibility of saving anything under the new contract, to say nothing of making any profit out of the sale of the franchise. How is this? Is the board dead or alive? Has it the interests of St. Louis at heart, or does it look upon itself as the agent of the lighting corporations?

For are lights, of which we have 2,400, St. Louis is paying \$74.50 a piece. This aggregates \$179,800 per annum for these lights. With a municipal plant, Kalamazoo, Mich., pays but \$48.30 for each are light.

Suppose St. Louis paid but \$46.30 for each of her 2,400 lights. That would be a saving of \$85,600 per annum to the taxpayers. Is it impossible to make this saving?

With a municipal plant the little town of Marshalltown, Io., gets its are lights for \$29.50 per light.

If St. Louis could do as well, it would mean a saving of \$108,000 per annum to the taxpayers. Can St. Louis do as well as little Marshalltown?

There are several other cities with municipal plants that shame St. Louis in conducting their own lighting business.

But if a municipal plant is at present impossible, is there anything to prevent the passage of an ordinance looking to the ownership of a plant in the near future? A fifteen-year straight contract, handing over this valuable franchise to the first bidder without proper compensation or consideration for value received, will be a disgraceful betrayal of the people's interests, for which the Board of Public Improvements, the Municipal Assembly and the Mayor will be accountable.

There is not much public spirit in the capital that waits to be sure that a steel barge line is a success. A city lacking in public spirit cannot be a leader. But in this case public spirit and private welfare go hand in hand.

RAILROAD BURDENS.

Gen. Noble refuses to retract these, his words:
The aggregate amount of bonded indebtedness of the railroad companies of the United States over and above any fair or even liberal valuation of their property is not only in itself immense, but the reckless disregard of the first principles of fair dealing in such matters has been shown in our courts of justice for many years. It is daily developing. On the 180,000 miles of road equipped, the funded debt is over \$5,000,000,000.

The maintenance of railroad lobbies has done much to make railroads costly. When the roads begin to economize, let them begin with the costly lobby. Then the railroad speculators and manipulators need attention.

Never before did Fall River get cotton cheaper than now; yet Fall River is about to cut the wages of its employees ten per cent. If dignity protection and cheap raw material cannot keep Fall River from failing, what is to be done with its "infant" industries?

SELF-TORTURE EXHIBITIONS.

The gladiatorial displays of ancient Rome have their modern successors in the long bicycle and walking contests of to-day. These contests, after the first two or three days, degenerate into exhibitions of self-torture, repulsive and degrading because carried on for mere pecuniary gain and not for any object worthy of such a sacrifice.

It would be as sensible and inspiring to watch a man slowly skin himself alive or gradually pull his teeth out, as to see him little by little and hour by hour wreck his nervous system and drive himself into the condition of a driving idiot. As far as the sufferer is concerned, one process is no more agonizing than the other.

All admire acts of heroism and feats of endurance that are performed with a worthy object in view. The strain and torture the bicyclists at Madison Square Garden are undergoing, making them look like pictures of death, would enable them if endured to save life or accomplish some great thing for their country or the

race. But such sufferings undergone for a few paltry dollars and under the lash of brutal trainers accomplish nothing and are repugnant to well regulated persons.

Mr. McKinley is devoting the first year of his term to tearing up the platform upon which he was elected.

REED'S OPPORTUNITY.

Speaker Reed has an opportunity to oppose the McKinley administration on stronger ground than any mentioned in his plan of campaign.

Opposition to Hawaiian annexation will be sound in principle and policy and will be popular. Opposition to the President's Cuban policy will find hearty response in the breasts of the people who love liberty and justice and who despise the calculating spirit which subordinates all things to the pursuit of the penny and the expediency of politics. Opposition to shifty currency tinkering will be popular.

But there is far stronger ground of opposition open to Speaker Reed and his friends. Let the Speaker organize effective opposition to Hannaism, to the whole trust fostering and public plundering schemes of the McKinley syndicate. Let him fight the evasion of the tariff question in the interest of the revenue. Let him fight the shameful patronage. Let him fight the shameful patronage deals and plunder bargains of Hanna.

If Speaker Reed organizes a fight on this line of campaign he will rally to his banner a great throng of Republicans who have been sickened by the disgrace and full course of the Hanna syndicate and who see nothing but ruin for the party in the defeat of Reed. Let him fight the patronage and interests that has marked Hanna's bossism. He will serve his country and gain its respect and confidence.

If tens of thousands of underserving persons are drawing pensions from the Government, will Congress be bold enough to take measures to correct the evil? Are not a great many pensions secured through the influence of Congressmen of all parties who find that they need votes and can easily get them at the expense of the Government?

Every worker, as well as every one interested in the welfare of labor will take care not to miss what John Burns, the great labor leader, will have to say in the great seventy-page illustrated Christmas Post-Dispatch of Sunday, Dec. 12.

No thinking reader will miss what the famous London editor, W. T. Stead, has written on European Politics, for that vast publication of next Sunday—the Christmas Post-Dispatch.

Had the Cuban plank of the St. Louis platform read, "We deem it inexpedient to recognize the independence of Cuba," would Mr. McKinley be in the White House to-day?

One of Mr. Filley's Republican enemies declares him to be a madman. It may at least be said that the boss is making a great many of his enemies mad.

Diplomacy is a great subject, and it will be treated by so great a statesman as Sir Charles Dilke in the great Christmas Post-Dispatch of next Sunday.

The enormous Christmas Post-Dispatch of next Sunday will delight the musical world with what Pietro Mascagni will say of music.

Indiana farmers, not needing money so much this year, are getting it at 5 1/2 per cent—a remarkably low rate for farm investments.

A beautiful and substantial Christmas present will be the inimitable Christmas number of the big Sunday Post-Dispatch, which will appear on the 12th.

Next Sunday's immense Christmas Post-Dispatch will be made additionally interesting by what George Moore writes on Art.

The railroads are to have steel freight cars, and the Mississippi must needs have steel barges.

If Europe were to refuse our hogs and also our pig-iron, we might be driven to reciprocity.

"Twixt Hanna and Hanna, William McKinley is full of trouble.

POST-DISPATCH SNAP SHOTS.

What do we read in Tom Reed's necktie red?
Is Anarchy once more to raise its head?
Or is it Hanna that in McKinley's place
Pat Tom would serve with greater spine and grace?

Tom Reed thinks that Mr. McKinley has attributed to mistakes that Bob Ingersoll attributes to mistakes.

The grocer who trusts and the grocer who is ruled by a trust are certain to be more or less unhappy.

Gen. Shaver is of the opinion that with \$5,000,000 appropriated for the militia Uncle Sam's whippers would be safe.

It may be that typhoid fever can be washed out of the system with water, but there is no enthusiasm over the new cure in Kentucky.

Perhaps the Lovering reprimand was written ungrammatically in the hope that it might humiliate that despotic officer; but a tyrant never flinches at bad grammar, even if he recognizes it.

The prohibitionists may have to wait until all barbarous nations have been got out of the way before white people become wholly abstemious. Whiskey is a great and highly important element in the removal of savages.

It seems from a case in the City Court that the vicious dogs of the city attack not only the faithful letter-carriers and the alert messenger boy, but do not hesitate to seize upon women with babies in their arms. Is Fido really deteriorating as the friend of mankind?

It was scarcely a good omen for Emma Roma to have dropped his helmet only the day before yesterday, for he bumped his head against the cranium of a Minuteman in stooping to pick it up. Or the incident may be an indication to him that as a War Lord he should never take his helmet off.

The Pension Commissioner wants to keep a veteran pension the woman who marries a veteran. She shows how little confidence the Pension Commissioner has in woman's disinterestedness and sincerity. Are not the narrations of the moving scene food and field soil potent in attracting even a mature woman seeking to be a pensioner's wife without considering his pension?

IN THE PUBLIC EYE.

A CHINESE TYPEWRITER.

A missionary at Tung Chow has invented a Chinese typewriting machine. The characters number about 4,000, and are on the edge of wheels about a foot in diameter. Twenty or thirty wheels are required to carry all the characters, and two keys must be struck to make an impression. The first turns the wheel, and the second stops it at the required letter, which is then brought down to the paper. The machine is complicated, but the inventor (Dr. Sheffield) hopes to make it more simple. There are 15,000 characters in the Chinese language each representing a distinct word. The 4,000 in common use have been selected for the new machine.

CLOCK MADE BY NINE-YEAR-OLD BOY.

Willie Larsen, a 9-year-old San Francisco boy, has made a clock that is the wonder of all who see it. Willie is the only boy who attended the special diploma from the Mechanic's Institute.

Many of the thousands who attended the thirtieth industrial exposition of the Institute, which took place this fall, noticed the large and handsome black walnut clock which stood in the Art Gallery, but comparatively few took the time or the pains to inform themselves of the fact that this exceedingly elaborate and ornamental piece of work was the work of a nine-year-old boy, and that the patient application of a child who had not yet passed his first decade.

THE BERMUDA LOBSTER.

Epicures are rejoicing over the advent of the Bermuda lobster, which is larger and better flavored than the Atlantic lobster. The arrival of the new species is most timely, as the Atlantic lobster is growing scarcer and of smaller size with each succeeding season. The Bermuda lobster has no claws, so that he can be readily handled without fear of nipping.

A VERSATILE EMPRESS.

The present Czarina of Russia was brought up as an English girl, despite her German birth. Her family spoke English exclusively, and the governess of the Princess was English. Her German, curiously enough, is spoken with a foreign accent. She speaks French perfectly and can paint, cook and sew.

WALES' INSURANCE.

The Prince of Wales carries the heaviest life insurance in England. It is said to be over \$5,000,000.

TWO STYLES OF NOVELS.

"I see that Timmins is getting out another novel."

"Historical or hysterical?"—Indianapolis Journal.

THREE MEN AND A WOMAN SEEK DEATH BY VIOLENT MEANS.

REMOSE LED HIM TO HIS DEATH.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 10.—John Douglas of Christy Park, near McKeesport, left home to attend a lodge meeting. He returned unexpectedly and found John A. Byers, a motorist employed by the Versatile Traction Company, conversing with his wife. There was a scene. Byers and Mrs. Douglas left the house and went to the door with a pistol. Mrs. Douglas called a doctor, who found Byers lying dead on the floor with a bullet hole in his temple. Remorse and fear, it is thought, caused Byers to shoot himself.

TURNED ON THE GAS AND HE JUMPED OUT OF A WINDOW.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 10.—J. W. Fred, a young man about 21, well dressed, and with \$50 deposited at the office, committed suicide at the Western Hotel last night by turning on the gas. He gave his address as Woodland, Cal. Fred came from Mississippi and was with two young men named Gary. He was a young man of excellent habits, and made a favorable impression upon those who became acquainted with him. His friends in Knight's Landing say they knew of no motive for his suicide, and he built long before the brick-yard located himself.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

This column is open to everybody who has a complaint to make, a grievance to ventilate, a question to give or a subject of general interest to discuss, or a public service to acknowledge, and who can put the idea into less than 100 words.

Irregular Street Cars.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.
I am not a chronic kicker, but I wish to say a word or two in earnest substantiated by the remarks of observers regarding the irregularity of the Laclede avenue cars. Some time since, on a cold, wet evening, I found myself waiting for a car at the corner of Fourth and State. Four cars swung around the loop without stopping. The fifth car stopped and I waited for three minutes. It might have walked home easily in that time and saved my fare and my temper.

It is no use making remarks to conductors. They only grin in an imbecile manner and irritate and annoy the passenger. There is still another fault the line is guilty of, and while discussing the matter it may be as well to mention it. A number of the conductors refuse to get out of the car in the middle of the block.

As the blocks are very long in the upper part of the city, it is not unusual to find a great deal of inconvenience to walk a half block on a wet evening. On the whole it is very aggravating. OBJECTOR.

Warning the Law-Breakers.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.
It is not strange that night policemen and watchmen are permitted to "rap" their clubs on corners and at entrances to alleys and watchmen at side gates and in back yards, thereby notifying Messrs. Burglar and Footpad of the officer's appearance? When they are not doing this, they are rapping their clubs except to assist anyone? Whenever I see or hear one of these scoundrel guards of people and property rapping and tapping his club as he enters dark places I say to myself, "Citizen!"

Smoke Prevention.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.
I think the first smoke nuisance case tried in this city was about ten years ago, in the Second District Police Court. The defendant was a brick-yard owner at Russell and Jefferson avenues. I was on the jury. Mr. Sticher defended and made a very able argument, maintaining that smoke was not unhealthy, therefore not a nuisance. After the case was tried the jury retired and deliberated for some time. We agreed that smoke was a nuisance and rendered a verdict accordingly.

Based my opinion on the evidence which was given by a number of owners of nice residences north and west of the brick-yards, who complained of large volumes of smoke filling their homes when the wind blew from the south or east, many of these houses be-

CHANGE IN THE FRENCH MARRIAGE LAWS.

The formalities preceding marriage in France, which have hitherto been of a formidable character, have been modified, no doubt in view of the dwindling population of the republic. Men over 25 and women over 21 can now be united without the consent of their parents, after presenting a single respectful notification of their intent, and waiting one month before proceeding to extremes. Consenting parents are no longer obliged to have recourse to a notary and a formal deed, but may go to the municipal office and register the permission free of cost. When the parents are divorced, the consent of the innocent party will suffice, and when they are dead, missing or imprisoned, a mere oath, duly attested, will serve in place of legal proof.

WHERE THE FLAG WAS BORN.

There is a quaint, colonial house in Philadelphia, on Arch street, just below Third. It is two and a half stories high, with a shingled roof and dormer windows. It is over 200 years old, and the little flag that it was built to fly is still in the house. Here it was that Betsey Ross made the first flag. Tradition says that George Washington drew a rough draft of the flag and gave it to Betsey, who was a most rapid imitator. Betsey saw that the stars were six-pointed, the same design as is used in English heraldry. She showed Washington how a five-pointed star could be made with one clip of the scissors, and the five-pointed star was forthwith adopted. Betsey had made a flag before Washington's visit. She made it for Paul Jones, but it had but twelve stars.

THE KING BURNED THE BILLS.

The palace of Versailles in Paris is supposed to be the costliest ever built. It is said that Louis XIV., to prevent the vast sums which he spent upon this wonderful palace being known, threw all the documents relating to it into the fire.

DIPLOMAS ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

In France degrees and diplomas are granted by the Government, and not by the universities, as in this country.

A PROVERB UP TO DATE.

"People are not alike, and what suits one may not please another."

"I guess that's right. What is one man's bicycle is another man's juggernaut."—Puck.

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NOT UP-TO-DATE.

"Mrs. Brown is awfully old-fashioned."

"Why, she always dresses in the latest style."

"Yes, but she hasn't been divorced for over six months."

CURRIE OF OYSTERS.

One dozen large salt water oysters. Stew in a chafing dish in their own juice until they boil, then strain; add one teaspoonful of currie to the juice and make a little thickening by adding one teaspoonful of flour and a piece of butter as large as a nut. Season with salt and pour over the oysters. Serve immediately in chafing dish.

POOR MAN'S PUDDING.

One cup of suet chopped fine, three cups of flour, one cup of molasses, one cup of milk, one cup of raisins, one teaspoonful of soda, spices to taste. Boil two hours. Eat with sauce.

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To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.
Just only stop and think—a hundred thousand circulation!
The biggest list in town, it is, and almost in the Nation.
And all contemporaries are compelled to make admission.
There's nothing quite the equal of its mammoth Sunday edition.

Its advertising worth is most beyond our comprehension.
It gives the price of everything that one can wish or mention.
It keeps us posted up to date on all affairs of the city and State.
'Twill get a man a goodly job, a sweet heart or a wife.

And for the needy, poor, distressed, it is a champion strong.
The friend of virtue and the foe of every kind of wrong.
Above all party lines and creeds, a slave to no desire,
It stands for justice, truth, and right, and speaks in words of fire.

Long live the editor, we say, and the reporter, too,
And may they get a raise at once, for better men are few.
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REAL ESTATE MAN'S CHARGES.

HE ALLEGED VIOLENT TEMPER
AND THE WOMAN IS SHOWN
TO BE LIKE A CHILD.

SHE LIKES PICTURE BOOKS.

Also Likes to Play With Children—
This Is the Woman Whose Name
George S. Chapline Dragged
Into Court.

The relatives and friends of Mrs. Lizzie Chapline propose to make it unpleasant for that woman's husband in Judge Wood's division of the Circuit Court if he ever lets his suit for divorce against his wife go to trial.

About the middle of November of this year suit was filed by George S. Chapline, a prominent real estate man and builder, against his wife, Lizzie Chapline. They were married nineteen years before, and the only charge he made was unmanageable temper and violent conduct.

Mrs. Chapline's relatives were dumfounded at the proceeding. Only a few weeks before he had taken his wife to the home of her sister, Mrs. Virginia Miller, near Nashville, Tenn. He had shown her every kindness and attention. He left her in the care of her sister, Mrs. Miller, and returned to St. Louis. He wrote numerous letters, none of which even remotely intimated to her relatives what he contemplated. The last one said that he was going fishing for a while, and that he expected a good time. He sent her his love and called her "My Dear Diddy," his pet name for her.

Ten days later she was served with the divorce papers. It was a cruel blow to the family, but for her, owing to her mental state, it did no harm. She said "George" would look after it when he returned to her.

Everybody in the least degree familiar with the history of Mrs. Chapline testified that it was a fact generally known to her friends that she was of unbalanced mind and that the husband knew of it at the time. Mrs. Chapline was brought to St. Louis by her sister and her brother, Isaac H. Stone. They engaged Attorney Walter F. McEntire to contest the divorce and do whatever else was necessary.

The case was set for trial a few days ago and Mr. McEntire represented to Judge Wood that proceedings were instituted in the Probate Court to test the defendant's sanity, and asked that a continuance be granted. Judge Wood readily assented, and laid the case over.

Friday morning, just after the Pauline Hoffman case was passed until Tuesday, Judge Ransauer impaneled a jury and called Mrs. Chapline's case.

She was in Court accompanied by her sister, mother and friends. Her brother, a plain spoken farmer, past 50, took the stand and in simple words told of his sister's condition of mind.

"Why, Judge, she is just like a child. We give her picture books to look at and she will play with them for hours at a time. She will stand and look out of a window at people passing and be entirely content. Whenever we want to impress anything on her mind we have to do so by object lessons—show her things and explain them one at a time, slowly, so that she can comprehend."

Her sister, Mrs. Virginia Mason, said: "She is but a child in mind. She finds great delight in playing with children. She can play with them and amuse them, but cares nothing for grown people."

Other little traits were brought out in

QUEEN IN A POLICE CELL.

Her Highness and Two Sus-
pects Arrested.

ONE HAS A STRANGE WOUND.

AUTHORITIES THINK IT POSSIBLE
THAT HE WAS WOUNDED BY
OFFICER HUNT.

BOWIE KNIFE AND PISTOL.

The Former of Splendid Workmanship
and Was Drawn When the Cap-
ture Was Made—Conflict-
ing Stories Are Told.

Carrie Stapleton, the youthful "Queen of the Carr Street Gang," has unconsciously turned up two prisoners to the Fourth District police.

Two of Capt. Joyce's men, Policemen Mahan and Roach, have been watching the queen for some time, and her room, in the rear of 610 North Sixth street, has been under espionage since Patrick Holden and John Johnson, burglars, were captured on the roof of the Nash, Smith, Espenheide & Co.'s storehouse, 58 North Sixth street, the morning of December 3.

The officers were searching for a man believed to be one of Policeman Hunt's murderers. Their information was that a young man, who claimed to have been shot by a policeman, was in the habit of visiting the "Queen of the Carr Street Gang."

Thursday night the officers saw two young men enter the dark passage way leading up to Carrie Stapleton's room on the third floor of the rocky frame building. They followed. Roach seized one of the men and Mahan started for the other. The first suspect got out a great bowie knife, but the policeman knocked it from his hand and took a pistol from his prisoner's pocket.

At the Fourth District Police Station the prisoners gave their names as Sam Ledger, 2542 University street, and George Hoelscher, 216 Parnell street.

Sam Ledger, who appears to be 19, was found to be wounded in the left hip. Dr. Bruere of the City Dispensary, who saw the wound, is of the opinion it is nearly three weeks old. It has partly healed, but the bullet was still in the flesh. On his person was a card bearing the name of Jesse Sheldon. Charles Sheldon was the man first arrested for the murder of Policeman Hunt.

He claimed he accidentally shot himself last Tuesday. He was carrying the pistol in his jacket when the weapon exploded, the ball burying itself in the fleshy part of the thigh. He said he didn't think the wound was serious, and therefore didn't go to a doctor.

Ledger said he met Carrie Stapleton at the Four Courts the last jail visiting day. The queen was dressed in swell togs. He joined her and walked home with her. She told him she went to the jail to see a man named John, charged with burglary.

In her room the queen, Ledger says, gave him some wine and asked him to call again. He called the next day with his chum, Hoelscher, and on the third visit Thursday night they were arrested.

Hoelscher, who is a strapping, big-boned young fellow, said he was in the habit of carrying both the pistol and knife. The knife is ten inches long, made of Wootenholm steel, and is as sharp as a razor. On the guard are the initials "W. W. and on a German silver plate the name, "George Muir."

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WASHINGTON WAS KILLED!

Some Unpublished Facts About His
Last Illness and the Lesson They
Convey to Men and Women
of the Present Day.



It is not generally known that General Washington was killed in a most cruel and barbarous manner, but it is, nevertheless, a fact.

At the time of his death Washington was in his sixty-eighth year, a strong, robust man. On December 12, 1799, he contracted a severe cold and pneumonia threatened. Two doctors were summoned, and, in accordance with the absurd custom of those days, they proceeded to bleed the patient. Nearly a quart of blood was taken from his veins, until at last he begged them to let him die in peace. He died that same day—not from disease, but actually from loss of blood. He was killed by ignorance!

In these days when a doctor who treated a patient as Washington was treated, would be indicted for manslaughter. The world has moved since then, and there has been a complete revolution in the practice of medicine. Instead of lowering the vital forces by thinning the blood, advanced physicians now endeavor to build up the strength of their patients. They employ only the latest and most scientific remedies.

And yet, in spite of this fact, we find thousands of people endeavoring to improve their health by taking old-fashioned medicines. They forget that chemists and scientists have made great discoveries in recent years and do not go back to the antiquated remedies and concoctions that were used a hundred years ago. It will not do.

What you, reader, need to cure the headaches, dizziness, tired, worn-out and irritable feelings, constipation, and heart-down sensations is some modern discovery based on scientific truths that will strike at the root of the trouble. You are sick because your kidneys and liver are out of order, and you should at once see that they are put in order. "Wash" you say, this is easy to say, but what shall I do? Take the best and most scientific discovery for these troubles you can find. Ask any advanced scientist what this is and he will tell you, Warner's Safe Cure. This discovery stands alone, by itself, and far above all so-called medicines of the past or nostrums of the present. In speaking about it Dr. William Edward Robson of London says:

"I conscientiously and emphatically state that I have been able to give more relief and effect more cures by the use of Warner's Safe Cure than by any other medicine attainable to the profession." This is high praise, but no higher than the subject deserves, as you will readily ascertain upon using this great, modern discovery.

Eschenheide & Co.'s store, at 918 Sixth street, upon the top of which Holden and Johnson, the burglars, were captured. To a Post-Dispatch reporter Friday the Queen claimed she did not know Holden, but when told Ledger said she had been to jail to see the burglar, and when the initials "P. H." tattooed on her shoulder were touched she owned up that the initials stood for Pat Holden, and until his arrest he was her "steady company."

Capt. Joyce thinks developments will show his two prisoners have been concerned in some recent troubles.

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ALL FOR THE EDISON PEOPLE.

Effect of City Counselor Mar-
shall's Opinions.

CITY LIGHTING MONOPOLY.

A SIX-MILLION-DOLLAR CON-
TRACT MAY GO WITHOUT
A STRUGGLE.

OTHER COMPANIES CUT OUT.

Plan to Rush the Matter Through at
To-Night's Meeting of the Mu-
nicipal Assembly—A Grab
of Magnitude.

The Imperial Electric Light and Power Company has not announced what course it is going to pursue in regard to City Counselor Marshall's opinion forbidding it to enlarge its duct capacity and tunnel the streets so as to enter its plant at Ninth and St. Charles streets.

There are two courses open; one is to test Mr. Marshall's opinion of the law in the courts or follow his suggestion and seek authority from the Municipal Assembly.

It is understood the capital behind the Imperial company is furnished by residents of Denver, Colo., and the managers here must consult them before they can act.

Attorney Drabell of the Imperial said that the company had no idea of "laying down" without a struggle, as it has spent too much money in building conduits.

The new lighting ordinance, prepared by the Board of Public Improvements, will be read in the Assembly at Friday night's meeting, and there will be an effort to push it through as speedily as possible. This will be done to "clinch" the Edison combine's advantage, for as matters now stand that syndicate of electric light companies is the only one that is in a position to bid on the new lighting contract.

The stake is a big one, amounting to \$6,000,000 if the contract is made for fifteen years, as provided in the ordinance.

In order to bid on the contract the electric light and power company must be able to satisfy the Board of Public Improvements that it has the right to conduct service sufficient to comply with the contract. It has a plant or will have by Jan. 1, 1900, sufficient to furnish the city and incandescent lamp light, and that its bond of \$500,000 is bona fide and the securities are capable of making good any default of the contractor.

The Edison combine is the only corporation in the city that can answer fully the requirement as to conduct service and plant, but Mr. McMahon and Mr. Holman, Electric Light and Power Co. filed an application for conduit space and it was granted, but for some reason known only to the owners it has not yet been put in place. The company has to have its application withdrawn, but it has not yet been withdrawn, and it is expected that it will be withdrawn before it fulfills its contract.

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at..... **\$1.98**

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you to take two pairs.

We need all our room for
Ladies' goods.

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& WASHINGTON AVE.

between the electric light companies and the city. The ordinance is so limited that the Board of Public Improvements will have to be in one providing for the city to be lighted by gas. That ordinance is already prepared.

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PENSION QUESTION UP AGAIN.

Senator Gallinger Thinks the Brakes Should Be Put On.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10.—The revolt against pension frauds is growing. President McKinley is said to be leading it. Notwithstanding this, H. Clay Evans, Commissioner of Pensions, said to the Post-Dispatch correspondent:

"There are comparatively few pensions now obtained by fraud. So complete is our system that the only remedy is legislation. I have recommended it that no pension be allowed to women who marry old soldiers and are not otherwise entitled to receive a pension. I think we should not repudiate any of these already granted, but that the practice should be discontinued."

Senator Gallinger has a different idea of existing conditions.

"It is getting to be quite the fashion for soldiers, when their claims are rejected in the Pension Bureau, to secure the introduction of bills granting them increases by special act of Congress," said he.

"Never before was there such a clamor for legislation of this kind, and a point has been reached where the pension committees of Congress will have to give very careful attention to the matter."

"As an illustration, when a widow marries she voluntarily surrenders her pension, and

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SYNOPSIS OF CHAPTERS I. AND II.

Capt. Duncan Burke, stationed at Jefferson Barracks, is in love with Miss Clare Melrose of Vandeventer place. After leaving her one evening he comes across the dead body of a woman. Over it he bends George Melrose, the brother of his fiancée. Melrose runs. While Burke is examining the body a man approaches. He introduces himself as a physician, but tries to rob the body. Burke denounces him and Dr. Schwartz, the self-styled physician, turns him over to the police.

The woman turns out to be Ethel Howgate, the daughter of a millionaire. She had eloped with Arthur Darand, alias Dudley Pennell, and had been cast off by her father. After many wanderings she has returned to St. Louis and was engaged as a companion by a wealthy lady under the name of Mary Verner. Melrose's family were opposed to his attentions to her. Circumstances indicated that he had murdered her. Burke was released by Chief Harrison and vowed to devote himself to the task of clearing the name of George Melrose. His reward was to be the hand of Clare.

SYNOPSIS OF CHAPTERS III. AND IV.

George Melrose, who had been accused of the murder of Mary Verner, with whom he had been in love, told his story to Capt. Burke, who had undertaken the task of clearing him, but it sounded improbable, though Burke believed him to be truthful. It was discovered that Dudley Pennell, a guest at the Planters' Hotel, had a glass dagger similar to the one with which the girl had been murdered and which George Melrose was known to have had. Burke went to Pennell for information and advice. He learns but little. In his investigation he discovers that the photograph of missing Ethel Howgate, left at police headquarters at the time she disappeared, had been stolen and that another had been substituted on a dress in Pennell's room at the Planters' and becomes suspicious. He begins to believe that Pennell knows more than he has said. He tells the tale of Ethel Howgate, the disowned daughter of a millionaire, who was living with another family under the name of Mary Verner, and who had been in love with George Melrose, the brother of Capt. Burke's fiancée.

SYNOPSIS OF CHAPTERS V. AND VI.

Capt. Burke, who had undertaken the task of establishing the innocence of George Melrose, accused of the murder of Mary Verner—otherwise Ethel Howgate, the disowned daughter of William Howgate, a millionaire, of Vandeventer place—learns much concerning the young woman's history from John Rivers des Peres, an ex-soldier, and makes a trip to Indianapolis. There he found that she had been in the company of her outcast brother, known as Dick Ludlow, and Dudley Pennell, who then went by the name of Robert Dacres. One night a house was robbed. The next day the girl disappeared. This made things look black for the character of Mary Verner, but Capt. Burke did not lose faith in her integrity. He also learned that George Melrose had visited the girl while she was in Indianapolis and discovered other facts which aided him in future investigation.

CHAPTER VII.

THE ABDUCTION.

After Capt. Burke's departure from Pennell the latter sent a dispatch to Dr. Schwartz. It was directed to No. 210 Valentine street. An hour or so later Dr. Schwartz was again in Pennell's room.

"I thought you wouldn't want me to be angry," said the man, chortling derisively. "Friendship's bound to tell. Eh, old boy?"

"Now, see here, Custer, I've sent for you on business. We are both greatly interested in what I have to propose."

"So, then, you have reconsidered the proposition



"STOP THAT YELLING," SAID SALLY, PLACING HER FILTHY PAW OVER CLARE'S MOUTH.

and intend resuming relations with me as banker? Thought you'd come to my view of thinking."

"You know if I had any money I'd give it to you—I haven't a red cent more than \$50, and if you want half of that you're welcome."

"Well, that's a little better than what you said when I was here before. All right, then, fork it over. And now what's your scheme?"

"You saw that fellow Burke—Capt. Burke—when you left my room a while ago?"

"No, I didn't. Where was he and what about him?"

"Well, he saw you and recognized you, although he called you by the wrong handle. He thinks your name is Dr. Schwartz."

"Now, this Burke is raising heaven and everything else to fathom the murder of that Verner girl, and—"

Pennell stopped short.

"Well, what's that to you or any other man whose innocent of the murder?" demanded Custer after the silence had grown tedious.

Pennell shifted uneasily.

"Yes, that's so," he replied. "But you see there are some side issues of mine involved in this matter, and that cursed fool's meddling will inevitably lead up to them. I don't want that to happen."

"How do you propose to prevent it, and above all, where do I come in?"

"There's money in it for you."

"Oh, that's different," said Custer, smiling complacently.

"My plan is two-fold. First, we must get Burke away from prying into the murder mystery by giving him another mystery to solve, and then there's a robbery to follow which will yield us the coin."

"We will have to abduct Clare Melrose, Burke's sweetheart. He will drop everything else in order to recover her."

"All right. Consider that accomplished. Now, how about the robbery?"

"The day after Miss Melrose's disappearance we'll decoy her father out of town. That leaves her house at our mercy. See the point?"

"Capital, indeed. And who's to do these trifles?"

"You and I. It's simple enough. A cab stops in front of the Melrose house; a messenger tells Miss Melrose that Capt. Burke is injured by an accident and begs her to see him before it is too late.

Miss Melrose gets into the cab, and the cab takes her wherever we desire."

"You're a genius for fair, Bob. I'll give you credit for that."

Before leaving Clare Capt. Burke had told her that he would be back by 4 in the afternoon to take her out for a ride.

It was now 3:30 o'clock and Clare was beginning to get ready for the drive. She had put on her hat and was pulling on her gloves when a cab stopped in front of the house.

"The message is for Miss Clare Melrose herself," said the man, who had alighted from the cab and was standing in the hall.

Clare hurried into the hall.

The man whom she found there was tall and gaunt and faultlessly attired.

"Beg pardon, miss," he said, "I regret to be the bearer of anything but good news. No occasion for alarm, however. Only trifling accident. Mere scratch. From a falling box. Capt. Burke happened to be walking beneath it."

"Capt. Burke is hurt?" exclaimed Clare, trembling with alarm. "Oh, tell me, where is he? Is he badly hurt? Where is he now? Why didn't he come here?"

"Mere trifle, miss," replied the man. "Just knocked unconscious—nothing serious, however. Told me his name just before swooning and asked me to notify you and beg you to go to see him. Wonderful presence of mind. Never saw a man bear up so stoutly."

"Won't you please direct me to him?" pleaded the girl.

"Tell mamma I will be back within an hour or so," she called out to the servant as the cab drove away.

"Goodness gracious, how long it takes to get there!" exclaimed Clare after they had been riding over half an hour.

Finally the cab stopped in front of 210 Valentine street.

A more repulsive looking, unclean, ramshackle building it would be hard to find anywhere. It had at one time, no doubt, been the home of some patrician St. Louisian. But that was long before



SHE GREW DEADLY PALE, STARED VACANTLY BEFORE HER FOR A FEW MOMENTS, AND FELL FAINING TO THE FLOOR.

the tide of fashion moved to the uptown districts. It has since then passed through many vicissitudes of degradation, and was when Clare alighted at its door the abode of half a dozen families of the most degraded type.

She was conducted into a rear room. A slatternly woman was inside.

"Sally, here's a visitor come to see you."

Clare crouched back in an agony of terror. Where was she? Who were these dreadful people?

"Where is Capt. Burke?" she asked of the woman. "Has he recovered consciousness?"

The woman snickered.

"Afraid he's left, miss."

"Then am I to understand that you brought me here under a false pretense?"

"That's about the size of it, miss."

The terror that now filled Clare gave her strength to make one effort for freedom. She turned rapidly, ran past the man and dashed to the door. Her hand had scarcely seized the latch, however, before his rough hand was on her shoulder, and the next moment his accomplice, Sally, also clutched the terrified girl, who now began screaming for help.

"Stop that yelling!" said Sally, placing her filthy paws over Clare's mouth. "Now, then, Custer, tie her hands, if you ain't man enough to hold 'em."

To tie Clare hand and foot with a clothesline was the work of a few seconds. Then she was dragged to the back sitting-room and flung upon a sofa.

"Now, miss," said Custer, eyeing her with cruel satisfaction, "so long as you behave no harm will happen to you. Meals will be brought in by—er—grinned in acknowledgment of the description. "But once attempt to escape or arouse the attention of neighbors and your doom is sealed."

"This treatment is infamous," Clare gasped. "Why have you done it? What is your motive?"

"No good telling secrets. You're come for the good of your health. Isn't that so, Sally?"

Clare saw it was hopeless to try to move the man, who turned her pitiful eyes to the woman, who, with arms akimbo, stolidly surveyed her.

"Oh, you—you are a woman. Surely—surely you can feel for another woman's distress! Have you no pity for me?"

"This is as good as a theater," was all the comment made by Sally.

When Clare had grown quiet Custer untied the rope with which he had bound her.

Clare had risen from the sofa and stood facing the open door. A shadow fell across it. A man's voice exclaimed:

"Hello, Custer! What the deuce is your latest?"

"Lady indisposed," replied Custer. "Will go home when she is convalescent."

Then the door closed, but not before Clare had seen the newcomer clearly and distinctly.

Merciful heaven, what did it mean? Was her reason giving way? A red-haired man with a scar across his forehead and with only one arm!

"What can he be doing here?" she cried. "It is Ethel Howgate's brother!"

CHAPTER VIII.

PLOTING THE ROBBERY.

Capt. Burke could scarcely credit his senses when he was told by Mrs. Melrose that Clare had gone away in answer to his message.

"My message? I sent no message!" exclaimed Burke.

"Why Clare told the servant that she was going to see you and would be back within an hour."

"Great heavens!" said Burke. "There's some terrible devilry behind all this! What kind of a looking person was the messenger?"

Mrs. Melrose had not seen the man, but the servant who opened the door for him described him as "tall and very thin and speaking in jerky sentences."

A few more details of the man's appearance left no doubt in the mind of Burke that the fellow was no other than "Dr. Schwartz."

Mrs. Melrose, already prostrated by her son's arrest, was completely overcome by this new blow which seemed impending.

Capt. Burke went to notify the police, and from headquarters hastened to Dudley Pennell's room. "You are evidently fond of my company, Captain," said Pennell, jolly, when Burke entered. "I must apologize for calling so frequently. Mr. Pennell, but the fact is, Miss Melrose has been abducted."

"Indeed! I am sorry to hear it; but you don't think I had a hand in the matter, do you?"

"Hardly. But that fellow who was here earlier in the day, had I mean Dr. Schwartz."

"You don't say so! What an all-around scoundrel he must be!"

"I thought possibly you might furnish me with some clue as to his whereabouts. Mr. Pennell?"

"How should I know his haunts? He came to me as a beggar; you found him as a thief, and now you say he is a kidnapper. I'm sure I do not make it a practice to carry the addresses of such people around with me."

Capt. Burke suspected that Pennell was not telling the truth.

"You look at me as if you doubted what I have been saying," said Pennell, with an irritated air.

"Well, Mr. Pennell, to be frank with you, I do doubt it. You have lied to me once, and I believe you are lying now."

Pennell jumped up angrily, but restrained himself quickly, and said:

"Before I touch the bell-button and have you shown to the door, will you have the kindness to specify the occasion on which you found me wanting in truthfulness?"

"You told me that you had not seen the photograph of Ethel Howgate in the police album, and I have since discovered that it was you who removed it and substituted the picture of another woman in its place."

Pennell bowed with mock courtesy, and pushed the button of the call-bell.

Burke walked toward the door.

It was 9 o'clock. Pennell left the Planters' and walked hastily to 210 Valentine street.

"A nice job of it you made, Custer," he said as he entered. "It's a wonder you didn't leave your name and address at the girl's house to make sure they'd get you."

"Why, what do you mean? The girl's here all right enough, and the road we took was roundabout and intricate enough to throw a dozen sleuths off the track. Can't see what more you want."

"Well, it's that blamed peculiar way you have of talking. That fellow Burke got onto you as soon as he heard you described. Still, I guess they'll never think of looking for the girl here. Do you keep her bound and gagged?"

"Physically, no; morally, yes. I intimidated that first yell or attempt to escape would cause a vacancy in her father's family. Inasmuch as I made a sort of snicker-snack movement with my fingers across her throat while assuring her of this, I think she'll be demure."

"Now, about our other scheme. We'll have to send Dick to Kansas City and have him forward a dispatch from there to old Melrose. That will get pater familias out of the way for the time being. Then they proceeded to plan the robbery in detail."

Meanwhile Clare was enduring anguish, physical and mental, almost beyond her strength.

After the door had been closed behind her captor, shutting out of sight Ethel Howgate's half brother, Clare fainted.

She passed a sleepless night.

When she awoke the recollection of the previous day's occurrences crowding in upon her sent a wave of heat through her frame and drove her almost to madness.

Her torture was intensified when she thought of the distress of those who loved her. All but stop! Might not her abduction, after all, prove a stroke of good luck?

Here was Dick Ludlow, the brother of Ethel Howgate, one of the men whose evidence was necessary to unravel the horrible mystery surrounding the murdered woman. Through him rounding the murdered woman, who had followed the unfortunate woman to Indianapolis, and who seemed to have so much influence over her destiny.

Possibly George's life might be saved by this clue!

The thought filled her with new courage.

Then she commenced to investigate the resources of her prison. The windows were barred. In one corner were some boxes and a hamper. The latter was empty. She lifted it off a large, heavy box which contained a bundle of papers. For box which contained a bundle of papers. For box which contained a bundle of papers. For box which contained a bundle of papers.

A pretty bold volume at length caught her eye. It had a lock which had been wrenched off. She opened it with curiosity, and an exclamation of surprise burst from her lips.

It was a diary, and on the fly-leaf, written in a fine, womanly hand, was the name of Ethel Howgate!

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COOKS—Please Notice—See that your mistress orders her fish, poultry and game from Faust, Fulton Market, 410 Olive st. We clean and dress everything for you.

GIRL WANTED—A young German girl, 1037 Park.

GIRL WANTED—For dipping bon. Apply at Grand leader candy department, in basement.

GIRL WANTED—Young girl to learn dressmaking, 2841 Thomas st.

WAVERLY FIRE MYSTERY.

**Postcard Causes the Arrest of
the Chambermaid.**

Charles Lea, colored, is under arrest, sus-
pected of being implicated in robbery.

of the Waverly Hotel, Eighth and Market streets, a few days ago and then setting fire to the room to conceal the robbery.

Addie Lee, the colored chambermaid at the hotel, was arrested again Friday morning by Detective Keeley. She was arrested the day of the robbery, but as the police could find no evidence against her she was released.

received by Capt. O'Malley from a prominent citizen. It states that the Lee woman robbed Mrs. Avia, 3510 Lindell avenue, of \$300 worth of jewelry while employed by her as a servant a few months ago.

Charles Lee is the woman's lover.
An injustice was done Mr. Bever by a statement that Capt. O'Malley said he had

CENTRAL TRUST VICTORY

Indianapolis' Effort to Enforce Three-Cent Car Fares Defeated.

down to-day in the Indianapolis 3-cent car fare case, dismissed the appeal of the city of Indianapolis from the order of Judge Showalter enjoining the enforcement of the 3-cent fare ordinance. The case was one in

Indianapolis, asked for an injunction restraining the enforcement of the 3-cent fare act passed by the Legislature of Indiana last March. The trust company is the mortgagee for a \$3,000,000 bond issue of the Indianapolis street car system.

DINE WITH THE QUEEN.
Ambassador Hay and His Wife at
Windsor Castle.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The United States Ambassador, Col. John Hay, and Mrs. Hay, will dine with Queen Victoria at Windsor this evening, and will stop to-night at the Castle.

South Atlantic Elevated	108%	108%	106%	107%
Northern American	4%	4%	4%	4%
Northern Pacific, com.	20%	21	20%	20%
do do pfd	58%	58%	56%	57%
Northwest com.	120%	121	120	120
New York Central	108%	108%	107%	107%
Pac. & Western	15%	15%	15%	15%

Lib. & Reading	21%	21%	20%	21%
do 4 per cents	85%	85%	84%	85%
Rock Island	91%	91%	90%	90%
Rubber, com.	15%	16	15%	16
do pfd	67			67
Southern Ry. com.	9%	9%	9%	9%

do do 1st prd.....	98%	98%	98%	98%
do do 2d prd.....	24%	24%	24%	24%
St. Paul com.....	95%	95%	94%	94%
Sugar com.....	141%	141%	140%	141%
en. Coal & Iron.....	26%	26%	25%	25%
exas & Pacific.....	11%	11%	11%	11%
nion Pacific.....	24%	24%	24%	24%

Western U. T. Co.....	90%	90%	90	90
Tabash pfd.....	18%	18%	18%	18½

*Ex-dividend, 2½ per cent.

Wall Street.

The market hardened perceptibly after the open-

port was accorded the Southwestern group. The improvement, however, was short lived, as liquidation on a moderate scale in New Jersey Central and Manhattan soon spread to the general list and prices sagged below yesterday's close. New Jersey Central lost $1\frac{1}{2}$, Manhattan and Sugar $1\frac{1}{4}$ and

The uncertain tone of the market induced profit-taking and the bears also took advantage of the situation to hammer the list here and there in an endeavor to create free selling of the general market. Northern Pacific preferred fell sharply. U. S. Tobacco, the coalers and some of the leading

Money on Call.

business in bankers' bills at 4.83% for demand and at 4.82% for sixty days. Posted rates, 831/4-834.84 and 4.80% for 87. Commercial bills, 814/4. Silver certificates, 57% for 88%. Bar silver, 1/2 Mexican dollars, 46 1/2c.

Government bonds firm: new four, registered,

Silver Quotations.
NEW YORK, Dec. '10.—Silver certificates, 57½¢; bar silver, 58¢; Mexican dollars, 40½¢.

TWO TENNESSEE MINERS SHOT.

Strike.
KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 10.—The strike in the Paint Rock coal mines, at Almy, terminated in a shooting of two miners.

is not known who their would-be murderers are. Neither was fatally hurt. A number of men have gone to work to-day the day shift, but are being blacklisted. Further trouble is predicted, and the company has sent for bloodhounds.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—J. Lee Porter, the Kansas City wing shot, defeated R. W. Wright of Chicago in the opening match of the bi-city championship contest at Watkins' Burnside Park to-day by a score of

Moberly Druggist Dead.

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from many notable buildings in New York Harbor, and
erected by him.

She was 70 years old when she came to St. Louis from Hagerstown, Md., and went into service as a nurse.

Union of America. In addition there will be psychomaking units.

of police reports he will find several more grocery stores selling liquor without license.

per in New York, and his school
taught school in Boston, Mass.


